SISTERS' DEPARTMENT.

The Mission of the Sunday School.

Read by H. Helen Frame at the Indiana Conference Sep. 27.

The mission of the S. S. is comprehended in six words—to teach the principles of Christianity. Volumes might be written upon the importance and efforts of that mission.

The grandest work that can be done for humanity is the inculcating of divine truths into youthful minds; the laying in young hearts an immovable cornerstone of Christian character—a character that shall bear successfully the ceaseless tests of passing years, and in the end stand triumphant, an ever lasting monument to the love, justice and mercy of our all-wise God.

The school is the gymnasium for the training of Christian athletes. A place which to send forth well trained and thoroughly equipped Christian workers into a broad field of usefulness. All around us and all over God's beautiful world a work awaits the cultured brain and loving hearts of those who wish to serve the gracious Master; work that requires a steady purpose, intelligent minds and consecrated hearts.

Here in the school young and old alike can drink deeply of the waters of spiritual knowledge and grow into a fuller and deeper consciousness of God's love, and be made to feel the importance of life's work. Here can be taught the grandeur of a pure Christian life, and a full realization of the sinfulness of sin. Here, by means of Bible illustrations, we teach children to abhor sin because it is sin, and to love purity for purity's sake, thus distinguishing between the veneer of society's morality, and the reality of a deeply felt Christianity.

"Principles must pass into performances, and precepts must crystallize into character" before they can arrest even a passing notice from this swiftly going nineteenth century. Men and women, to do effectual work in God's vineyard must be well learned in the principles of orthodoxy and thoroughly grounded in its precepts, and moreover, deeply imbued with a spirit of rightousness and an earnest desire to do whatsoever their hands find to do. These, and other qualifications attainable in the S. S., such as "meekness, patience, gentleness," etc., together with the profiting of life's valuable lessons, will constitute most noble lives; such lives as are of incomparable value to the church, and each and all are unanswerable arguments against her enemies. And in the various departments of church work these noble lives are required as credentials of its mission and proofs of its success.

A constant and conscientious attendance of the S. S. is conducive to elevation of thought and a greater spirituality. Properly observed it will bring about that deep study and quiet reflection so necessary to the mysterious needs of the soul, and give one a more evenly balanced mind and heart, calm reason, unbiased judgment, kindly feeling and untroubled conscience.

Here may we learn and teach the plan of salvation; the design for which Christ left the heavenly realms of bliss to come into a sinful world, gave up his precious life in agony that is an everlasting shame to humanity, sends forth his spirit in a sweet incense of comfort, and unites us to himself in our obedient acceptance of his sacrifice. We are chosen in him, not because we are holy but that we may be holy. We are united to him by faith and the indwelling of the spirit, as the branches are united with the vine, that we may bring fruit unto God as expressed by Paul. Fruit unto God—righteous living. May all God's children be faithful branches of the true vine!

Here may children learn the "Wonderful story," "The old old story of Jesus and his love." As they advance in years, with hearts and minds fitted for the reception of truths, they can more readly accept the great sacrifice so freely made. They are prepared to comprehend, appreciate and enjoy a religion that means so much and does so much. A religion that means content for the mind and peace for the soul. A religion that means the putting away of all things that defileth and the acceptance of purety. A religion that conquers pride and causes humility; dessroys enmity and brings forgivness; overcomes prejudice and teaches charity; moreover suspicion and invites trust; routs unbelief and offers faith; dissolves fancies and gives facts; rises above ignorance and creates intelligence; shames selfishness and commands love; condemns narrowness and and expands sentiment; and in all things makes us kindly affectionate one to another. All in all it cleanseth Satan from the heart and puts Christ in, to reign triumphant and to guide this life to the happy beginning of another.

Kind Words.

BY MRS. ELLA CRISAMORE.

Did you ever think how much sorrow or joy is expressed in those two words? Did you ever think how many have become wrecks on the sea of life for the want of some kind word to cheer a lonely life? Do you know how easy it is to bring sunshine in your path through life instead of the dark clouds, not only for yourselves but for all your associates. Although it may require thoughtfulness on our part to restrain the hasty words so near our lips, yet every victory we gain makes the next one easier, until before we are aware of it the victory is gained and we are free from the slavery of a bad habit. Speak kindly to all, especially to the erring. It may be the means of bringing some one to do good and you will get your reward. Angry words have been the cause of so much sorrow. Many an erring one has been driven by them to despair while a single kind word might have given to the world a life of purity.

"And, if commingling with life's wine,
We find the wormwood and rebel and shrink,
Besure a wiser hand than yours or mine
Pours out this portion for our lips to drink.
And if some friend we love is lying low
Where human kisses cannot reach his face
Oh! do not blame the loving Father so,
But bear your sorrow with obedient grace.
If we could push ajar the gate of life
And stand within and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife
And for each mystery find a key.
God's plans like lillies pure and white unfold
We must not tear the close shut leaves apart,
Time will reveal the calyxis of gold."

Everest, Kan., Nov. 3, 1888,

Williamson, Pa.

I am a reader of the Evangelist and am very much pleased with it as a church paper, as I think there is much food for the soul contained there-in. We are only a newly organized church of fifty members. Bro. I. D. Bowman held a series of meetings near our little village, which is located on the South Penn, R. R. We had a good meeting by Bro. Bowman's labor and the power of God. Bro. Bowman did all in his power to bring souls to Christ, he labored so faithfully with us that we shall ever feel to pray for him that God will reward him richly for his work and labor of love. We organized a prayer meeting and hold it from one brothers house to the other. All seem to be much interested in the meeting and seem to be zealous in the cause of Christ, pray for us brethren and sisters that we may grow in grace and the knowlenge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and stand firm on the rock. We ask you to pray for our aged Pastor, A. Pheil, that he may not shun to declare the whole truth of the Gospel, and that every word which he speaks may be the means of bringing some poor soul to Christ. May God bless us all is my prayer.

FROM A SISTER.

College Corner Items.

I wrote some items about College Corner and Somerset meetings last week, but the mail was waiting, and in my hurry I forgot one very important one. It was this: The church at College convened Sunday, the 28th, at 2 o'clock p. m., to consider the expediency of electing one or two deacons. After we had opened the service in regular order and read the scripture bearing on the subject, and had spoken on the importance and weight of such position, it was moved, seconded and carried that two deacons should be called. And now in order to have a full, clear and decisive choice, it was decided to ballot for only one at a time. The result brought two worthy brethren out very prominently, but did not give either a majority over all the rest. It was then decided to call the two brethrens' names and cast lots between them, and the result was a tie, giving them, (taken together) an overwhelming majority. The result having been made known, it was moved, seconded and carried to declare them both elected.

Bro. Jacob Zook and Bro. Oscar Lawshe and their wives were then called forward and were duly installed according to Acts 6th. The church has good talent in both these brethren and it is hoped that they will make useful ministers. Bro. Lawshe is the renowned Elder Isaac Lawshe's (deceased) brother's son.

I am now at Oakville to finish my pastoral work. Began here the evening of the 3rd inst. Had large attendance over Sunday, but it has been raining most of the time since, and the congregations have been comparatively small.

I expect Bro. W. C. Perry, of North Manchester, to join us in the work this evening. I shall appreciate his labor very much, and especially now, for my health is not good. We will hold communion service here next Monday evening.

J. H. SWIHART.

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Our church is prospering. Regular services, prayer meeting, teacher's meeting, Sunday school etc., well attended and good interest. I am holding a meeting at a school house five miles south-east of this place. The meetings have been injured by the great political excitement and the first bad weather we have had this fall, but have managed to keep up an interest through it all. Last night I gave an invitation, when six signified their desire to lead a better life. They are all of the best people of the county and will be a great help to the cause.

Before this reaches the eyes of my readers, I expect, the Lord willing, to have built up a very strong outpost to the Carleton church at that place. In my last article I did not report fifteen or sixteen accessions but that many conversions. I left Bro. Forney to do the baptizing and don't know how many he has taken in, but know that many more than that would join if the matter is pushed. By prayer and hard work we can accomplish wonders. Am still receiving many calls for evangelistic work that I can not fill.

Where is Bashor? I have had a letter written to him for a week, but can't tell where to send it.

I am still in love with Nebraska. It is the best country I ever saw.

GEO. W. DEBOLT.

Nov. 10.

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